

REMARKS

Applicants greatly appreciate Examiner Hoosain's willingness to conduct a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney on August 11, 2005. The following paragraphs contain a summary of the substance of that interview.

In the final Office Action of July 1, 2005, Claims 1, 10, and 19 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,101,393 to Alperovich et al. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to recite preventing a message delivery service from being offered, *after a no-answer condition*, to a caller of a called party. Also in this amendment, Applicants have amended independent Claim 10 to recite preventing a message from being delivered to a called party, wherein the message comprises a voice message recorded during a call from a caller to the called party *after a no-answer condition*. Further, Applicants have amended independent Claim 19 to recite a software component that identifies called parties who do not want a message delivery service that delivers caller messages to them to be offered to callers of the called parties *after a no-answer condition*.

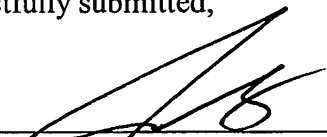
It should be noted that these amendments are being made merely to expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicants intend on filing a continuation application to pursue subject matter that may not include the "after a no-answer condition" element added in this Amendment.

During the telephone interview, it was agreed that these amendments would place the application in condition for allowance, pending an updated search. If a new reference is found during the updated search, the Examiner graciously offered to phone the undersigned attorney to discuss the new reference. Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's willingness to help expedite the prosecution of this application in such a way.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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